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PROTECTION OF FERTILE LAND  
SOUGHT IN NORTH KOREA

DIKE NEAR COMPLETION -- T'ung-sa Sin-mun, 1 Apr 49

To protect more than 171 acres of fertile ricefields from destruction by summer floods, the construction of a dike has been under way since early March this year in Namsan-myon, Kyongsong-kun, near the port of Ch'ongjin, in Hamgyong Pukto. Under the voluntary patriotic mobilization system, all able-bodied men in the county participated in the work, and, consequently, only 10 days after the commencement of the work on 3 March, almost 80 percent of the project was completed.

The working quota for the first quarter of the year called for the completion of the foundation for the dikes. The quota for the second quarter entailed much more technical work for the total completion of the dike.

AFFORESTATION CAMPAIGN --- T'ung-sha Shin-mun. 31 Mar 49

In concert with the construction of dikes for the protection of fertile soil, an extensive afforestation campaign, having the same ultimate purpose as that of the construction of dikes has been launched throughout North Korea since April.

In Pyongyang, a 5-day afforestation period was established beginning 1 April, and all citizens were asked to participate in the campaign. All schools promptly responded to the call, and made a large contribution by sending out the students to inspire the people with the significance of the campaign. Over 20,000 nursery-trees were supplied by the city for planting. Over 4,000 trees were planted in the famous Moranbong.

The area of afforestation undertaken in the present campaign in the city of Pyongyang alone totaled 539 acres. Similar results were expected in other areas through North Korea.

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